## **CLAIMS**

1. A liquid cleaner for a semiconductor substrate on which metal wiring may be provided, comprising each component of a chelating agent or a salt thereof shown by the following general formula (1), an alkaline compound and pure water, wherein pH is 8 to 13.

(wherein, Y¹ and Y² are lower alkylene groups, n is an integer of 0 to 4, at least 4 of R¹ to R⁴ and n R⁵s are alkyl groups having phosphonic acid group(s) and the rest are alkyl groups).

- 2. The liquid cleaner according to claim 1, wherein, Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup> in the chelating agent shown by the general formula (1) are alkylene groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and alkyl groups in alkyl groups which may have phosphonic acid group(s) relevant to R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup> and n R<sup>5</sup>s are alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms.
- 3. The liquid cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the chelating agent or a salt thereof is at least one kind selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraethylenephosphonic acid, ethylenediaminetetraethylenephosphonic acid ammonium salt. ethylenediaminetetraethylenephosphonic salt, acid potassium ethylenediaminetetraethylenephosphonic acid sodium salt, ethylenediaminetetraethylenephosphonic lithium acid salt, ethylenediaminetetramethylenephosphonic acid, ethylenediaminetetramethylenephosphonic salt, acid ammonium ethylenediaminetetramethylenephosphonic salt, acid potassium sodium salt, ethylenediaminetetramethylenephosphonic acid lithium ethylenediaminetetramethylenephosphonic acid salt, diethylenetriaminepentaethylenephosphonic acid, diethylenetriaminepentamethylenephosphonic acid, diethylenetriaminepentamethylenephosphonic acid ammonium salt, diethylenetriaminepentamethylenephosphonic acid potassium salt, diethylenetriaminepentamethylenephosphonic sodium salt, acid

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- 4. The liquid cleaner according to claim 1, wherein the alkaline compound is at least one kind selected from the group consisting of hydroxides of alkaline metals, carbonate salts of alkaline metals, aqueous ammonia solution or salts thereof, piperazine or derivatives thereof and guanidine or salts thereof.
- 5. The liquid cleaner according to claim 1, further comprising a buffering agent.
- 6. The liquid cleaner according to claim 5, wherein the buffering agent is one selected from boric acid and a good's buffer.
- 7. A method for cleaning a semiconductor substrate, which comprises the semiconductor substrate, on which metal wiring may be provided, is cleaned with a liquid cleaner of claim 1.